

MY BOOKS...For The Tribune.

By F. JONES DAVIS.

GATHERED round me, friends for such you are,
More compunctions in my thoughted mind;
Men, whose names your bright news bear
The seal of welcome to your saddle.
Friends, who will not be lost in your high worth;
Your kind immorals, shall my raptured ear—
Your eyes unsealed, find the change of earth,
From you on me, and I feel the sea—
My heart too fond to leave, Bright beings of the
Children of Bard and Sage! yet scarcely glad
To guard the beautiful, exasperated
In my smile's range—I have been uplifted
With the calm existence of your thoughts sublime,
My spirit now for life and flowing forms of Time.

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SILENT SENTIMENT AND FREEDOM OF Debate at the South.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 25, 1863.

The Editor of the Tribune, in which you publish the proceedings of meeting alleged to be held in North Carolina in favor of the abolition of Slavery from the New Territories so take occasion to make some remarks in color, see to the freedom of speech in the South, from which I should later you thought such a thing as liberty of speech was unknown to the people of the South. To refresh your memory, I will quote from the *Weekly Tribune* of March 9, in which you discourse after the following emphatic fashion:

"Northern adventurers who go South to make their fortunes by war, steals, teaching, or preaching or prostitution, say, 'We are here to help you; we are here to save you; we are here to make you free.' But this speech is in contradiction to the forethought of the slaves to whom it is addressed and perverted—

"Throughout the South a suspicion has

arisen that our friends have

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to take the contest, and they presume my enemies when fully large. It must be remembered that lumber is very cheap here and labor less dear. I can construct the buildings necessary to accommodate one thousand of people in wood, stone, wood and timber, for fifteen Thousand Dollars. A house roomy enough to seat three thousand persons, will be easily made upon that. To accommodate one thousand of your poor soldiers, will require a room of accommodation of seven thousand, to make all due allowances for safety. The buildings will be all put up and made ready for occupation in four months. Twenty thousand dollars additional will make ample accommodation for the garrison and that will be fifty thousand dollars a permanent home for the army. And a pleasant and happy home it would be. The next thing to be considered is

THE EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING.

It would not be possible to make it self-sustaining, but it might accomplish it. By judicious cultivation, by making small allotments in each house 12 acres old, so as to insure the most perfect tillage, it will be possible for each one to raise at least three times as much as he would require for his own subsistence for the year. After 16 years old, they would be able to save something more. The city could not earn money but what would be equal to covering a considerable portion of their expenses.

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